

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Mazza opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

“Sunshine Law” Announcement: Adequate notice of this public meeting has been provided by the Annual Notice; faxed to the Hunterdon Democrat and Courier News; posted on the public bulletin board and on file in the Municipal Clerk’s Office.

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL** - Present: Rob Haynes, Matt Severino, Lisa Nargi Patricia Dziubek and Frank Mazza. J. Peter Jost, Esq., Township Attorney; John Reymann, P.E., Township Engineer and Ella Malecki Ruta, Township Clerk, were also present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Regular Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2007

Motion was made by Mr. Severino, seconded by Mrs. Dziubek to adopt said Minutes. Vote – Ayes: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek. Abstained: Mr. Mazza. Motion Carried.

b. Regular and Executive Sessions Minutes of June 20, 2007

Motion was made by Mr. Severino, seconded by Mrs. Nargi to adopt said Minutes. Vote – Ayes: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek, Mr. Mazza. Motion Carried.

**VISITORS** – Chuck Herring – DCA/State Code Enforcement Office

Attorney Jost stated that Mr. Herring canceled his appearance before the Twp. Committee, explaining that it is against the policy of State Code Inspectors to come to local meetings due to misinterpretation of statements made by inspectors.

Mrs. Nargi stated that she will be meeting with Mr. Herring and would take any questions from the Committee and residents regarding the possibility of closing the Local Construction Office and transferring its’ duties to the State Code Enforcement Office.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Action may be taken following Executive Session

The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION#2007-107  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a public body to go into closed session during a public meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Union Township Committee has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Union will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12: Contract Negotiations, Personnel Issues and Litigation.

Motion was made by Mr. Severino, seconded by Mrs. Nargi to adopt the above resolution. Vote – Ayes; Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Dziubek, Mrs. Nargi, Mr. Mazza. Motion carried.

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At approximately 7:45 motion was made by Mr. Haynes, seconded by Mrs. Dziubek, to return to the regular meeting. Vote – Ayes; Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek and Mr. Mazza. Motion carried.

**REPORTS RECEIVED**

- a. Municipal Court – June 2007
- b. Building Department – June 2007
- c. Road Dept. June 18-22; 25-29, July 2-6; 9-13
- d. Claims Register – 7/18/07
- e. Tax Collector – June 2007

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mat Severino mentioned the following: asked John Reymann, Township Engineer, if letter received from FEMA is applicable to our Township; letter regarding Milligan Farm, costs associated and party responsible for obtaining NFA clearance.

Pat Dziubek suggested adopting ordinance regulating conservation easements and implementing soil conservation rules. Mrs. Nargi spoke in agreement, but stated that unless there is communication between Township departments no law or rule is going to help. Mrs. Dziubek also mentioned a Nutrition Program run by the County for Senior Citizens.

Mayor Mazza mentioned the following: letter stating cuts in Paris Grant; asked if playground equipment at our parks was updated to comply with safety standards; letter from DEP on Dam Safety Inspection; letter from the State on starting construction work on local bridges.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bill Bischoff, 15 Anderson Road, asked why the Committee did not consider adopting resolution in support of State Legislation to amend Abbot-Burke Funding. The Committee was in the opinion that this particular legislation does not concerns rural areas and that it is just more unnecessary legislation. Mr. Bischoff also had a question whether the purchase contract of Milligan Farm, between Hovnanian and the Township, clearly indicated that NFA letter from DEP be obtained by Hovnanian, with respect to the pollution problem. Attorney Jost explained that monies were escrowed and confirmed that it was Hovnanian's responsibility to obtain the NFA letter.

Neil Davis, 202 Main St., Jutland asked for clarification whether letters written by the Committee members for Environmental Commission Newsletter should be sign by individuals or as a Committee. After a brief discussion it was agreed that letters are going to be signed as from the Township Committee.

Clerk mentioned the fact that Mary Melfie, Hunterdon County Clerk, is coming to the Union Township on August 16, 2007 to provide Hunterdon County ID's for Municipal Employees and Township's residents who were interested in obtaining one.

**PUBLIC HEARING – 2<sup>ND</sup> Reading**

**ORDINANCE #2007-6**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$70,000.00 CURRENTLY LOCATED  
WITHIN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND  
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY,  
FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW UTILITY TRUCK FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Haynes motioned to open Public Hearing on Ordinance #2007-6, Mrs. Dziubek seconded. Vote – Ayes: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek, Mr. Mazza. Motion Carried.

Mayor Mazza asked for questions or comments from members of the general public, news media and Committee. As there were neither questions nor comments, Mrs. Nargi motioned to close Public Hearing on

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a second by Mr. Severino. Vote – Ayes: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek, Mr. Mazza. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Haynes, seconded by Mrs. Dziubek to adopt Ord. #2007-6 on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Vote – Ayes: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek and Mr. Mazza. Motion Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **RESOLUTION #2007-** : Amendments to the Resolution #2003-39/Reclamation Plan for Pattenburg Quarry

Information to make necessary amendments to Resolution #2003-39 is still not available. It is tabled at this time.

- b. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2007-108  
UNION TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY  
2007-2008 PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE – RENEWAL**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following Plenary Retail Consumption License be issued in the Township of Union to be effective on July 1, 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk or his/her duly authorized agent is hereby authorized to execute, issue and delivery such license to the following licensee:

Name & Trade Name: Apalo Inc  
t/a Perryville Inn

Location & Mailing Address: 167 Perryville Road  
Hampton, New Jersey 08827

License #: 1025-33-006-006

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution, certified to be a true copy by the Municipal Clerk, be forwarded to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Motion was made by Mr. Severino, seconded by Mrs. Nargi to adopt above resolution. Vote – Ayes: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek, Mr. Mazza. Motion Carried.

- c. **RESOLUTION #2007-** : 2007-2008 Liquor License Renewal – Pattenburg Entertainment Inc./Pattenburg House

Due to missing documentation from the State to renew the above Liquor Licenses the resolution was tabled at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2007-109  
ZONING OFFICER APPOINTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Union is in need of Zoning Officer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Union Township Committee in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Richard McManus is hereby appointed as a Zoning Officer until December 31, 2007 at an annual salary set forth by current Salary Resolution of Township of Union.

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Mr. Nargi as well as Township Engineer, John Reymann gave opinions of their positive experiences with current zoning officer. After a brief discussion and questions from Mr. Haynes about interviewing other candidates and receipt of monthly reports, and from Mrs. Dziubek about the term of an appointment and hours of zoning office, Committee agreed to appoint Richard MacManus as Union Township Zoning Officer.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nargi, seconded by Mr. Severino to adopt above resolution. Vote – Ayes: Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek, Mr. Mazza. Vote – Nays: Mr. Haynes. Motion Carried.

- b. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2007-110  
APPROVING FIREWORKS DISCHARGE**

WHEREAS, Union Township has scheduled a Community Day for September 9, 2007, to be held on the property of Hunterdon Hills Playhouse; and

WHEREAS, it is desired that the Township sponsor a fireworks display for the entertainment of the residents during Community Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, that the Township of Union Committee hereby grants permission for and agrees to sponsor a display for fireworks to be performed by Vineland Fireworks Company, Inc., 1640 Garden Road, Vineland, New Jersey, 08360-1867, on September 9, 2007, provided that Vineland Fireworks Company, Inc., provide the Township of Union and the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse with a Certificate of Insurance in a form acceptable to the Township Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a true copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Fire Safety, CN 809, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0809.

Motion was made by Mr. Haynes, seconded by Mrs. Dziubek to adopt above resolution. Vote – Ayes: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek, Mr. Mazza. Motion Carried.

- c. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2007-111  
Re: GRADING BOND REFUND  
TOLL BROTHERS, INC. BLOCK 11 LOT 8.08, BLOCK 11 LOT 8.09, BLOCK 11 LOT 8.13,  
BLOCK 11.01 LOT 6, BLOCK 11.01 LOT 7**

WHEREAS, TOLL BROTHERS, INC., 36 Rupell Road, Clinton, New Jersey, was required to post \$2,500.00 Grading and Seeding Bonds for block 11, lot 8.08, block 11 lot 8.09, block 11 lot 8.13, block 11.01 lot 6, and block 11.01 lot 7 and

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**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer, Maser Consulting in a letter dated Jun 18, 2007 recommends the release of these bonds,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that said Bonds in the amount of \$2,500.00 each, for a total of \$12,500.00, be refunded to Toll Brothers, Inc.;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dziubek, seconded by Mr. Severino to adopt above resolution. Vote – Ayes: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek, Mr. Mazza. Motion Carried.

d. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2007-112**

**Re: Excavation Bond Release**

**TOLL BROTHERS, INC.**

**Block 11 Lot 8.13; Block 11.01 Lot 10; Block 11 Lot 8.09; Block 11 Lot 8.08**

**WHEREAS**, TOLL BROTHERS, INC., 36 Rupell Road, Clinton, New Jersey, was required to post \$500.00 Excavation Bonds for block 11 lot 8.13, block 11.01 lot 10, block 11 lot 8.09 and block 11 lot 8.08, and

**WHEREAS**, the Certificates of Occupancy have been issued for these properties by the Construction Official who now recommends the release of these bonds,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that said Bonds in the amount of \$500.00 each, of a total of \$2000.00 be refunded to Toll Brothers, Inc.;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nargi, seconded by Mrs. Dziubek to adopt above resolution. Vote – Ayes: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek, Mr. Mazza. Motion Carried.

e. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2007-113**

**Re: Driveway Escrow Refund**

**RE: Board Escrow Fee Refund**

**Douglas Dickison, 5 Fox Chase Turn, Pittstown, NJ 08867**

**WHEREAS**, Douglas Dickison, 5 Fox Chase Turn, Pittstown, NJ 08867 was required to post a Board Escrow Fee and a Driveway Inspection Escrow Fee, and

**WHEREAS**, the application is final and the inspection of the driveway work is complete,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the balances of the Driveway Escrow account in the amount of \$443.50 and the Board Escrow account in the amount of \$980.00 be refunded to Douglas Dickison, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion was made by Mr. Severino, seconded by Mrs. Dziubek to adopt above resolution. Vote – Ayes: Mr.

Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek, Mr. Mazza. Motion Carried.

f. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2007-114  
Re: Road Opening Inspection Escrow  
Joseph Mrak, 8 Deer Run, Pittstown, NJ 08867  
Block 25.02 lot 6**

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Mrak, 8 Deer Run, Pittstown, NJ 08867 posted an inspection fee escrow for a road opening, and

**WHEREAS**, the work and inspection are complete,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the balance of the inspection escrow account in the amount of \$303.25 be refunded to Joseph Mrak, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion was made by Mr. Severino, seconded by Mrs. Nargi to adopt above resolution. Vote – Ayes: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek, Mr. Mazza. Motion Carried.

g. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2007-115  
JOINING THE MORRIS COUNTY  
COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL (MCCPC)**

**TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT  
WITH THE MORIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL  
HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE “LEAD AGENCY”  
FOR THE CONDUCT OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS RELATING  
TO THE PURCHASE OF WORK, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES  
FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE** Township of Union Committee of the Union Township, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey:

This Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Township of Union.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A 40A:11-10 and 11 the Township of Union Committee is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the “Lead Agency” (Township of Randolph) for the purchase of work, materials and supplies.

The Lead Agency ( Township of Randolph) entering into contracts on behalf of the Township of Union shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law(N.J.S. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

All Resolutions or part thereof inconsistent with this Resolution shall be and the same repealed.

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Motion was made by Mr. Haynes, seconded by Mrs. Nargi to adopt above resolution. Vote – Ayes: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek, Mr. Mazza. Motion Carried.

h. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2007-116**  
**TOWNSHIP OF UNION**  
**OPEN SPACE**  
**LIMITED AGRICULTURAL LEASE**

**MILLIGAN FARM LEASING AGREEMENT RESOLUTION – WAITING FOR A COPY**

Motion was made by Mrs. Dziubek, seconded by Mr. Haynes to adopt above resolution. Vote – Ayes: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek, Mr. Mazza. Motion Carried.

i. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2007-117**  
**UNION TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY**  
**2007 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES/Traffic Consultant-Engineer**  
**FAZ ASSOCIATES**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for traffic engineering-consultant services on an as needed basis at the specific request of the Township of Union, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, during calendar year 2007, pursuant to 40A:9-140; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that notice with respect to contracts for Professional Services awarded without competitive bids must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union as follows:

1. The engineering firm of FAZ Associates, 1387 Bryant Court, Ambler, PA 19002-1015 is hereby retained to provide the engineering services on an as needed basis at the hourly rate in accordance with the Exhibit A of the contract, SCHEDULE OF ENGINEERING FEES AND CHARGES;
2. As traffic consultant/engineer, FAZ Associates agrees that no services are to be performed unless specific approval is granted by an appropriate Township official either verbally or in writing;
3. All required documentation is attached and is part of this agreement;
4. FAZ Associates will carry, at its expense during the appointment period, professional liability insurance;
5. A Notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dziubek, seconded by Mr. Severino to adopt above resolution. Vote – Ayes: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek, Mr. Mazza. Motion Carried.

j. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2007-118**  
**UNION TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY**  
**VAN SYCKLES CORNER ROAD SECTION III/PORION THEREOF**



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Submission of State Aid Application**

WHEREAS, the Township of Union, Hunterdon County, has been notified there are available funds under the Municipal Aid Transportation Act; and

WHEREAS, Van Syckles Corner Road from the intersection with Serpentine Drive to approximately 2,980 L.F. east along Van Syckle's Road to the existing bridge approximately 400 L.F. from Route 31 in the Township of Union, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, for a distance of 0.56 miles is in need of repair;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Union hereby make application to the Commissioner of Transportation for aid under the Municipal Aid Program or the Federal Aid Urban System Substitution Program portion of the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act for the improvement of that section of road known as Van Syckles Corner Road III;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Union Township Mayor and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and attest to this application and agreement.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dziubek, seconded by Mr. Severino to adopt above resolution. Vote – Ayes: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek, Mr. Mazza. Motion Carried.

k. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2007-119  
Re: Employee Health Benefit/Contributions**

**WHEREAS**, Union Township presently provides health insurance for full-time employees and eligible officials of the Township through the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program; and

**WHEREAS**, sharply escalating premiums for such health benefits have necessitated that Union Township require eligible employees and officials to contribute a portion of the premium for their health insurance;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that effective July 1, 2007, each employee and officials covered under the New Jersey State Health Benefits program through the Township of Union shall contribute five percent (5%) of the premium cost of such health insurance, excluding prescription coverage;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately, and that withholding for such five percent share of premium shall be effective as of July 1, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dziubek, seconded by Mr. Severino to adopt above resolution. Vote – Ayes: Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek, Mr. Mazza. Vote – Abstentions: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino. Motion Carried.

l. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2007-120  
TO ESTABLISH SUMMER HOURS  
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Union agreed to adjust municipal offices hours from 9 AM to 4:00 PM with ½ hour for lunch; and



**WHEREAS**, the municipal offices will stay open through lunch hour

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that this resolution is effective immediately.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dziubek, seconded by Mr. Severino to adopt above resolution. Vote – Ayes: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek, Mr. Mazza. Motion Carried.

**Discussion** – Herbert Scheuing Property – Leasing Agreement

m. The following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2007-121**

**SCHEUING LEASING AGREEMENT RESOLUTION – WAITING FOR A COPY**

Motion was made by Mrs. Dziubek, seconded by Mrs. Nargi to adopt above resolution. Vote – Ayes: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek, Mr. Mazza. Motion Carried.

**Discussion** – Road Department Forman recommendation to purchase a blacktop saw

Mrs. Dziubek made a comment of joining Chamber of Commerce and entering into a County Shared Services. She further explained that it would give us borrowing powers through shared services instead of buying. Mr. Haynes stated that a blacktop saw is just too small of a piece of equipment to borrow.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nargi, seconded by Mr. Haynes to approve purchase of the blacktop saw for Road Department. Vote – Ayes: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek, Mr. Mazza. Motion Carried.

**Discussion** – Deputy Clerk – Letter of Resignation

Attorney Jost stated that Mayor Mazza received a letter of resignation from the Deputy Clerk, Darlene Beam.

Motion was made by Mr. Severino to accept Darlene Beam's resignation as the Deputy Clerk effective immediately with understanding that her compensation be adjusted accordingly. She will continue her duties as Vital Statistics Registrar and Construction Department Secretary/Administrative Assistant. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Dziubek. Vote – Ayes: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek, Mr. Mazza. Motion Carried.

**Discussion** – Approval to place an ad to hire a Deputy Clerk

Motion was made by Mrs. Dziubek to authorize the Township Clerk to advertise for a temporary part-time (no more than 19.5 hours per week and within the range of Salary Ordinance) Administrative Assistant with possibility for permanent employment. Motion was seconded by Mr. Severino. Motion carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Grace Brennan, Union Township CFO suggested replacing current postage stamp machine (an outdated model) to an updated, electronic version with minimal cost increase. Mrs. Dziubek made a motion to authorize the township Clerk to sign the lease of a new postage stamp machine in the amount of \$169.00 per month. Mr. Haynes seconded the motion. Vote – Ayes: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek, Mr. Mazza. Motion Carried.

**NEW ORDINANCE** – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – None at this time

**REPORTS**

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- a. **Engineer's Report** – Mr. Reymann mentioned the following: - talked to Paul Ferriero about Milligan Farm (widening of Rte. #513); will write a letter to the owners of Grand Colonial and will keep Committee updated on their status. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Mrs. Dziubek for Grand Colonial to pay half of required COAH fees by August 1, 2007 and remaining portion at the receipt of Certificate of Occupancy. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Nargi. Vote - Ayes: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek, Mr. Mazza. Motion Carried. Engineer will contact Mr. Ali at Grand Colonial tomorrow with Committee decision; bid opening for roads maintenance and improvements is scheduled for Thursday, July 26 at 10:00 AM, striping is going to be done separately; contacted three vendors interested in the project; wrote another letter to Mr. Caccaveli at Perryville Estates asking for resolution of all outstanding issues at the Perryville Estates; visited The Sanctuary development and wrote a letter regarding trees.
- b. **Attorney's Report** – Mr. Jost mentioned the following; - two litigation matters to be discussed in Executive Session.
- c. **Mayor's Report** – Mayor Mazza mentioned the following; together with Mr. Severino attended the meeting at the Hunterdon County Complex with NJDPA, NJDOT, HC Planning Board and County Freeholders regarding Route 173 Extension Project. Most of the Townships concerns were addressed, but only a few answered. Statement was made by the panel that more studies would have to be done before all Township questions could be answered. Mayor Mazza also stated that the panel of experts was not aware of all the problems Union Township is faced with if the project were to be approved; Mayor also asked about idling ordinance in the Township. It was stated by Committee Members and the Township Attorney that there is a State Law regulating this issue and it is just a matter of enforcement.
- d. **Committee Report**
  - Patricia Dziubek mentioned the following: - spoke with Eric Peterson regarding the status of the Milligan Farm issues; talked to Mary Beth Lonergan regarding RCA agreement with the town of Carteret; talked to Mike Raimondo concerning access to the Township's website.
  - Rob Haynes mentioned the following: - signed off the letter on completion of the Eagle Scouts Project; letter needs to be written on donating generator to the Pattenburg Fire Co.; asked if the leaking roof at the municipal building was checked, Committee suggested for the Clerk to contact Denucci Roofing.
  - Mat Severino mentioned the following: - contacted Carl Hintz's office with a question on construction cost estimation for Milligan Farm/COAH project. Did not get an answer. Mrs. Nargi is going to send a written request to Mr. Hintz's Office. After a brief discussion it was decided by the Committee to invite Ms. Lonergan, Township COAH advisor, to the next Township Committee Meeting.
- e. **Clerk's Report**
  - Raffle License #2007-18; Church of Immaculate Conception; Off Premise Merchandise 11/18/07
  - Raffle License #2007-19; Church of Immaculate Conception; Off Premise Merchandise 11/18/07
  - Raffle License #2007-20; Church of Immaculate Conception; Off Premise Gift Basket Auction 11/18/07Motion was made by Mrs. Dziubek, seconded by Mr. Severino to approve Raffle Licenses #2007-18; 2007-19; 2007-20. Vote – Ayes: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek, Mr. Mazza. Motion Carried.
  - Scheduling a date for the Township Committee Meeting in August – August 1, 2007Motion was made by Mr. Haynes, seconded by Mrs. Nargi to schedule August 1, 2007 as the only Township Committee Meeting in the month of August. Motion carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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Sue Sharpe, reporter from the HC Democrat asked what litigation case was discussed in the first Executive Session. Attorney Jost answered that the litigation discussion was moved to tonight's second Executive Session

**PAYMENT OF THE BILLS** – Mr. Severino moved that all claims against the Township of Union as appearing in the Claims Register of this date be paid and that all checks listed hereinafter be issued in payment thereof. Mr. Haynes seconded. Vote – Ayes: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek, Mr. Mazza. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Action may be taken following Executive Session

At about 10:15 PM the following resolution was introduced for adoption;

**RESOLUTION#2007-122  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a public body to go into closed session during a public meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Union Township Committee has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Union will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12: Personnel Issues and Litigations - Perryville Associates Potential Tax Appeal and Markota case.

Motion was made by Mr. Haynes, seconded by Mrs. Dziubek to adopt the above resolution. Vote – Ayes; Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Dziubek, Mrs. Nargi, Mr. Mazza. Motion carried.

At approximately 11:15 motion was made by Mr. Haynes, seconded by Mr. Severino, to return to the regular meeting. Vote – Ayes; Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek and Mr. Mazza. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Haynes, seconded by Mrs. Dziubek to adopt the above resolution. Vote – Ayes; Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Dziubek, Mrs. Nargi, Mr. Mazza. Motion carried.

At approximately 11:15 motion was made by Mr. Haynes, seconded by Mr. Severino, to return to the regular meeting. Vote – Ayes; Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek and Mr. Mazza. Motion carried.

Mr. Haynes requested that the Mayor Mazza responds to Mr. Policastro letter dated June 27, 2007 and asks for respond to that same letter by the zoning officer and Township Committee by copied on both responses.

As a result of a discussion in an Executive Session a motion was made by Mr. Haynes, seconded by Mrs. Dziubek to authorize and approve the stipulation of settlement for Block 13, lot 6 C0003, Route 173 East for the year 2007, Perryville Associates III LP v Township of Union. The original assessment is: land \$736,700, improvements - \$24,892,500, total \$25,629,200. Requested Tax Court Judgment is \$19,000,000 subject to the Attorneys approval as to the form of the stipulation. Vote – Ayes; Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mrs. Nargi, Mrs. Dziubek and Mr. Mazza. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to come before the Township Committee at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Haynes, seconded by Mrs. Dziubek. Motion carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

***UNION TOWNSHIP*** ***THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED*** ***TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE***  
***MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING July 18, 2007***

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ella Malecki Ruta, RMC  
Municipal Clerk